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### **Oil, Gas, Geothermal Development Environmental Best Management Practices Awards**

BILLINGS—The Bureau of Land Management is seeking nominations for its new, annual Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Development Environmental Best Management Practices (BMPs) awards.

The awards are meant to promote and showcase the best examples of responsible fluid mineral development on lands overlying BLM-managed minerals and on Indian trust lands. The 2005 BMP awards will recognize oil, gas, and geothermal operators or rights-of-way grantees and their partners, and local BLM Field Offices and their partners who demonstrate leadership and creativity in reducing the impacts of oil, gas, and geothermal development. Current information on the awards program, can be found on BLM's website at:

[http://www.blm.gov/bmp/im2005-xxxBMPAwards\\_Website\\_AttachmentV5.doc](http://www.blm.gov/bmp/im2005-xxxBMPAwards_Website_AttachmentV5.doc)

BMPs are innovative, dynamic and economically feasible mitigation measures applied on a site-specific basis to reduce, prevent, or avoid adverse environmental impacts. By reducing the area of disturbance, adjusting the location of facilities or by utilizing various other techniques to minimize environmental effects, BLM and oil, gas, and geothermal operators are significantly reducing wildlife habitat and scenic quality impacts associated with new energy development.

Nominations should be sent to the BLM State Office with jurisdiction for public lands in the state where the operation is located. For operations in Montana and the Dakotas, send nominations to BLM-922, 5001 Southgate Dr., Billings, Mont. 59101. Nominations will be accepted by the BLM State Offices from Aug. 1 through Oct. 1.

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